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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 2.5% IN JULY

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 25, 1988 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 2.5 percent in July and was up 3.1 percent in the first seven months of 1988, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic declined 0.9 percent in July from the same month last year. Available seat miles increased 0.2 percent. The passenger load factor was 66.2 percent compared to 67.0 percent in July a year ago.

In international services, traffic in July grew 13.8 percent, and available seat miles rose 12.8 percent. The load factor increased to 75.0 percent from 74.3 percent last year.

Domestic passenger traffic in the first seven months declined 0.5 percent compared to the same period last year. Available seat miles were up 1.6 percent. The passenger load factor was 61.8 percent compared to 63.1 percent in the same period a year earlier.

International traffic for the first seven months of 1988 was up 18.9 percent over the same period last year. Available seat miles were up 15.0 percent. Passenger load factor rose to 66.9 percent from 64.7 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JULY 1988 - 1987

		JULY			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%
DOMESTIC	88	29,594,321	44,671,258	66.2	186,735,551	302,295,655	61.8
	87	29,856,578	44,574,494	67.0	187,762,858	297,545,615	63.1
PERCENT CHANGE		(0.9)	0.2		(0.5)	1.6	
INTERNATIONAL	88	10,195,765	13,597,075	75.0	51,568,400	77,137,430	66.9
	87	8,956,280	12,055,908	74.3	43,384,033	67,085,505	64.7
PERCENT CHANGE		13.8	12.8		18.9	15.0	
TOTAL	88	39,790,086	58,268,333	68.3	238,303,951	379,433,085	62.8
	87	38,812,858	56,630,402	68.5	231,146,891	364,631,120	63.4
PERCENT CHANGE		2.5	2.9		3.1	4.1	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, JET AMERICA, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST, AND TRANSTAR.